

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Friedman et al.

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Corresponding Nucleic Acids and
Proteins, and Diagnostic and
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Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2007, in connection with the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the associated fee accompany this Response. A shortened statutory period for reply to the outstanding Office Action has been set to expire three months from the date of issuance of the outstanding Action. Accordingly, the submission of this response, the RCE, and the associated fee is timely.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection and objection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.